SUMMARY OF THE ACCREDITATION PROCESS COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2000

The Accreditation Process Committee of the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) met by teleconference on Wednesday September 27, 2000, at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). The meeting was led by its chair, Ms. Janet Cruse of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IL EPA). A list of action items is given in Attachment A. A list of participants is given in Attachment B. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed language from the State of California concerning the mobile laboratory accreditation issue.

INTRODUCTION

Ms. Cruse began the meeting by introducing those committee members present on the teleconference. She noted that the proposed changes to Chapter 4 of the NELAC Standard expected from Ms. Jane Jensen of the State of California had not been received as of the start of the teleconference. As those anticipated comments were the scheduled topic for this meeting, she then asked for comments from those members present on the issue of proposed changes to Chapter 4 concerning mobile laboratory accreditation. Those members that had attended the Sixth NELAC Annual Meeting agreed that the present language represents a consensus among the voting members within NELAC. Any suggested language changes from the State of California and other sources on the accreditation of mobile laboratories will be carefully considered, discussed, and agreed upon by the committee before being proposed as a change to the current Chapter 4.0 of the NELAC Standards, approved July 2000.

Although there are three additional sources of expected input to Chapter 4 of the NELAC Standards, none had provided suggested language changes on the issue of mobile laboratory accreditation as of this teleconference. The three sources include the State of New York, the U.S. Department of Defense and the NELAC Field Activities Committee. The issue of the proposed changes to Chapter 4 of the NELAC Standards will be tabled until the next scheduled teleconference on October 4, 2000.

ADJOURNMENT

After closing discussions and thanking the committee members present, Ms. Cruse adjourned the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS ACCREDITATION PROCESS COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 6, 2000

Item No.	Action	Date to be Completed
1.	There were no action items.	

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